

HOW TO... Make your own website

Make your presence felt on the web with NetObjects Fusion 8, says **Steve Haines**

NETOBJECTS FUSION 8



Most of us have some web space. Your ISP, for example, probably included some with your contract. But what can you do with it? Creating a website is easy when you have the right tools. NetObjects Fusion 8, which you'll find on this month's cover disc, makes the process simple. You don't need to learn any complex HTML, and you'll be able to create a professional-looking website in minutes.

If you don't have any web space, you can sign up for a web-hosting package with Website Pros when you first start Fusion 8.

1 The easiest way to build your site is to use the Site Wizard, which provides a range of templates and designs. It also lets you fill in your

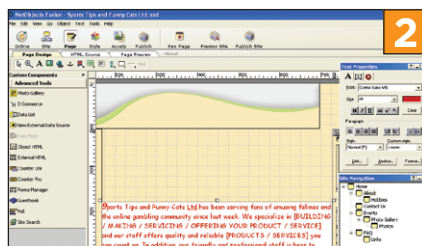
profile – details such as your name and address – which it adds to your template. Once you've chosen a layout, Fusion opens an editable version of your site in the Page Design view, complete with text and place holders for images.

2 To edit any text, click on the A icon on the menu bar at the top. You can alter the font but you'll be best off sticking to those all visitors to your site will have installed. To insert a picture, click on a place holder or the icon of a photo next to the A symbol, then click Browse and choose an image. Do this for each page of your site, using the Site Navigation box on the right of the screen. Here you can also choose the elements that will make up your site, such as the

home page, a contacts page and an FAQ page. To check how your site will look when it's published to the internet, click on the Page Preview tab.

Advanced users can edit the HTML code by clicking on the HTML Source tab. Fusion 8 includes a range of advanced options such as e-commerce catalogues and dynamic content.

3 Once you're happy with the content and look of your site, you can publish it to the internet. First, though, check how it looks in your web browser by clicking on the Preview Site icon. You can then go back and make any adjustments you want. When you've finished, click on the Publish Site icon and Fusion will take you through the steps for putting your site online.



HOW TO... Create art from your photos

Steve Haines shows you how to turn your photos into Van Gogh-like masterpieces

PROFESSOR FRANKLIN'S INSTANT PHOTO ARTIST



Your PC can help you create stunning works of art without the need for expensive materials and messy paints. With Professor Franklin's Instant Photo Artist, which is included on this month's cover disc, you can create masterpieces using nothing but your own photographs and a little imagination.

1 When you open Instant Photo Artist, you're prompted to choose the photograph you'd like to enhance. The Style Browser window then appears. This offers you a choice of different painting styles, ranging from expressionist to cubist. It also includes a number of individual painters' styles, including those of Renoir, Van Gogh and Cézanne. For our

photo of water lilies, we chose to apply effects that would make the image look like a Van Gogh painting. When you've chosen the style you want to use, click Select.

2 You will now see the outline of your photograph on the canvas. This enables you to apply your chosen effects to certain parts of the picture or, if you prefer, to paint the entire image using the cursor as a brush. The palette on the left includes a range of tools that you can use to apply your chosen effect to the picture, such as a paint brush, a pencil and an airbrush. Left-click on the magnifying glass icon at the top of the screen to zoom in on your image; right-click to zoom out.

3 You can choose from a range of other realistic paint effects in the Paint Attributes dialog box, which you open by clicking on the More icon next to the tube of paint on the left of the screen. The Brush tab in Paint Attributes allows you to paint using the colours in your original photograph or choose your own colours manually and alter the brush pressure, while the Textures tab includes different painting media such as heavy oil, water colour and cracked paint effects.

Once you've completed your work of art, you can use the Instant Photo Album – which is included with Instant Photo Artist – to store and organise all your images in categories, making them easy to browse.

